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CHARTER.

To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come,

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE

—OF THE—

Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons,

FOR THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

Sends Greeting:

WINSLOW LEWIS,
Grand Master.

Whereas, a Petition has been presented to us, by CLEMENT A. WALKER, CHARLES ROBBINS, D. McB. THAXTER, BENJ. DEAN, JOHN T. BURRILL, LYMAN TUCKER, HUBBARD W. SWETT, EBEN F. GAY, MOSES KIMBALL, J. H. CHENEY, C. W. WALKER, JOHN AMEE, WM. K. BACALL, JOHN A. WARREN, BENJAMIN FRENCH, CHARLES A. DAVIS, JOHN M. MORIARTY, JOSHUA R. LOTHROP, WILLIAM S. THACHER, FRANKLIN F. HEARD, WM. S. BARTLETT, all Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, praying that they, with all others who shall hereafter join them, may be erected and constituted a regular *Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons*,

which Petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Masonry and the good of the Craft :

Know Ye, THEREFORE, That we, the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Prudence and Fidelity of our Brethren above named, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint, them, the said Brethren, a regular **Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons**, under the title and designation of "**Winslow Lewis Lodge**," hereby giving and granting unto them and their successors, full power and authority to convene Masons, within the City of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth aforesaid,—to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, upon the payment of such compensation for the same as may be determined by the Grand Lodge. Also, to make choice of a Master, Wardens, and other Office Bearers, annually, or otherwise, as they shall see cause ; to receive and collect Funds for the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their Widows or Children, and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry, which to them may appear to be for the good of the Craft, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said constituted Brethren, to attend the Grand Lodge at its quarterly communications, and other meetings, by their Master and Wardens, or by Proxies regularly appointed ; also, to keep a fair and regular record of all their proceedings, and to lay them before the Grand Lodge when required.

And we do enjoin upon our Brethren of the said Lodge, that they be punctual in the quarterly payment of such sums as may be assessed for the support of the Grand Lodge,—that they behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office, and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons.

And we do hereby declare the *Precedence* of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from the twenty-seventh day of December, A. L., five eight fifty-five.



In Testimony Whereof, We, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us committed, have hereunto set our Hands and caused the Seal of our Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Boston, this tenth day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and of Masonry, five thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

JOHN T. HEARD,
Senior Grand Warden.
CHAS. R. TRAIN,
Junior Grand Warden.

By order of the Grand Lodge.

CHAS. W. MOORE, Grand Secretary.

BY - LAWS

OF

Winflow Lewis Lodge.



ARTICLE ONE.

The Lodge.

SECTION ONE. The style and title of this Lodge shall be "Winflow Lewis Lodge."

Style.

SECTION TWO. This Lodge shall be composed of Master Mafons, not exceeding sixty in number.

Of whom
composed.

Stated
meetings.

SECTION THREE. This Lodge shall hold a stated meeting on the second Friday of every month, (July and August excepted, by special vote,) at Masons' Hall, in the Masonic Temple, Boston, for lectures and work.

Members'
Quarterly
Meetings.

SECTION FOUR. There shall be four Members' Quarterly Meetings in each year, to which visitors shall not be admitted, to be held on the fourth Friday in February, May, August and November, for the admission of members, and for the transaction of the private business of the Lodge.

Annual
Meeting.

SECTION FIVE. The Annual Meeting for the choice of Officers shall be held at the regular Quarterly Meeting in November; but should the Lodge fail to elect officers at that meeting, the Master shall call a special one for that purpose.

ARTICLE TWO.

Officers.

SECTION ONE. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot; and of a Chaplain, Marshal, Senior and Junior Deacon, Senior and Junior Steward, Organist, Sentinel, and Tyler, and such others as shall be, by the Lodge, judged expedient, who shall be appointed by the Master, after consultation with the Wardens, and removed at his pleasure. And a neglect, on the part of either of the above named officers, to perform the duties of his office, for three consecutive regular meetings, shall be considered a resignation thereof.

What and
how
appointed.

ARTICLE THREE.

Duties of Officers.

Master.

SECTION ONE. The Master shall preside over, govern and instruct the Lodge; order special meetings whenever the interest of the Lodge shall require them; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for by the By-Laws and Votes of the Lodge, and endeavor so to arrange the work and business of the Lodge as to close the same at or before ten o'clock, P. M.

Wardens.

SECTION TWO. The Wardens shall assist the Master in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence shall preside.

Treasurer.

SECTION THREE. The Treasurer shall demand of the Secretary, every month, all the moneys he shall have collected, on account of the Lodge, giving his receipt therefor, and shall pay them out on such

bills as the Committee of Finance may approve, or invest them in such a manner as said Committee may unanimously direct. His accounts shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Committee of Finance, and he shall render annually [and oftener if by them required,] to said Committee a detailed account of all the financial concerns of the Lodge.

SECTION FOUR. The Secretary shall keep a full, fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge; shall notify all Committees of their appointment; issue Summonses and Notifications, when directed by the Master; report, at each Quarterly Meeting, all delinquencies in payment of dues and in attendance; collect all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay them over to the Treasurer every month; and shall submit his books to the examination of the Committee of Finance whenever required.

He shall record, in a book prepared for the purpose, the names of all persons

Secretary.

expelled for un-masonic conduct, or rejected as candidates for the degrees, by any Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, together with the name of the Lodge, and the date of such expulsion or rejection.

Chaplain. **SECTION FIVE.** The Chaplain shall conduct the devotional exercises of the Lodge, under the direction of the Master.

Marshall. **SECTION SIX.** The Marshall shall organize the Lodge for the purpose of opening; form and regulate processions; introduce visitors, and be, in all cases, under the immediate direction of the Master.

Senior Deacon. **SECTION SEVEN.** The Senior Deacon shall convey the orders of the Master from the East to the West, and elsewhere as he may be directed; receive candidates at the door, and, in the absence of the Marshall, shall organize the Lodge and introduce visitors.

SECTION EIGHT. The Junior Deacon shall be under the direction of the Senior Warden; shall convey his messages from the West to the South, and elsewhere as directed; shall direct the preparation of candidates; conduct them to the door, and deliver them to the Senior Deacon.

Junior
Deacon.

SECTION NINE. The Stewards shall be under the direction of the Junior Warden; shall convey his messages from the South wherever directed; shall assist in the preparation of candidates, and direct the care of the Regalia.

Stewards.

SECTION TEN. The Organist shall preside at the Organ, under the direction of the Worshipful Master.

Organist.

SECTION ELEVEN. The Sentinel shall attend upon the inner door, under the direction of the Senior Warden.

Sentinel.

Tyler.

SECTION TWELVE. The Tyler shall deliver all notifications when directed by the Secretary; assist the Stewards in the care of the regalia; guard the outer door of the Lodge during its communications; and yield implicit obedience to the directions of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE IV.

Finances.

Com-
mittee of
Finance.

SECTION ONE. The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Committee of Finance. They shall examine and decide the payment of all demands against the Lodge; direct all investments of money; examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report in writing thereon; as well as upon all the financial concerns of the Lodge, at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Funds.

SECTION ONE. The Funds of this Lodge shall never be divided, except by unanimous consent, in writing, of every member.

Division
of Funds.

SECTION TWO. Each member of this Lodge, whose name is borne on the Charter thereof, shall deposit in the Treasury the sum of ten dollars, and a like sum shall be set apart from each fee hereafter received for membership; which, with the sum of one dollar from the fee hereafter received for each initiate, shall together form a fund to be designated "The Members' Fund." This fund shall be carefully and judiciously invested by the Treasurer, under the unanimous direction of the "Members' Committee," and the income only shall be appropriated for

Members'
Fund.

the relief of distressed members, their widows and minor children, upon the recommendation of said "Members' Committee," and by vote of the Lodge. The unexpended income of this fund, and all donations made to this fund, shall be yearly added to the principal.

Forfeiture
of interest
in the
Funds.

SECTION THREE. Every member, who shall resign or forfeit his membership, shall, at the same time, forfeit all right, title and interest in the funds and property of the Lodge.

Income
how to be
appropriated.

SECTION FOUR. The income of the Lodge, other than that derived from the Members' Fund, shall be appropriated for the necessary and incidental expenses of the Lodge; for the relief of distressed members, and for such other charities as shall be authorized by vote of the Lodge.

Disposition
of
Funds.

SECTION FIVE. Should this Lodge unfortunately fall into decay, so that, for the space of one year, it shall number less

than seven members, or fail to hold, during that period, regular Quarterly Meetings at which there shall be present at least three members, it shall be the duty of the members forthwith to surrender, to the care and disposal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Charter, Jewels, Records, Funds and other property, of whatever name or nature, belonging to the Lodge.

Disposition
of
Funds.

Provided, however, that under whatever circumstances said property shall be surrendered to said Grand Lodge, the "Members' Fund," (see Article V., Sec. 2,) shall not be diverted from the purpose to which it was originally consecrated, but shall be held in trust by said Grand Lodge, the income to be appropriated, *at the discretion of said Grand Lodge*, for the sole use and benefit of the members legally entitled thereto, their widows and minor children, so long as any such shall survive.

Provided, further, that with the restoration of said Charter, at any time, to the

surviving members of this Lodge, said "Members' Fund" shall also be restored to the keeping of this Lodge.

Provided, also, that, in the event of the death of all who are legally entitled to the benefit thereof, then said "Members' Fund" shall revert to the sole use and disposal of said Grand Lodge forever.

Expenses,
how to be
incurred.

SECTION SIX. No expense shall be incurred in the name of this Lodge, for other than the ordinary, necessary purposes, unless an appropriation for the same shall have been previously voted.

ARTICLE VI.

Standing Committees.

SECTION ONE. At the Annual Meeting in November, there shall be chosen, by ballot, a Committee of two, for the ensuing year, to be styled the "Committee of Charity," who shall represent this Lodge in the "Boston Masonic Board of Relief."

Com-
mittee of
Charity.

SECTION TWO. At the same time, and in the same manner, a Committee of three shall be chosen, for the year ensuing, to be styled the "Members' Committee," whose duty it shall be to direct the investment of the "Members' Fund," and to recommend the disbursement of the income from the same, (see Article V., Sec. 2.) The Treasurer shall not be eligible to election upon this Committee.

Members'
Com-
mittee.

Standing
Com-
mittees to
report.

SECTION THREE. The above Com-
mittees shall report their doings to the
Lodge at the Annual Meeting in No-
vember; and a failure so to do shall render
them ineligible to re-election, except by
the unanimous vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

Candidates for Membership.

Members,
how to be
admitted.

SECTION ONE. Candidates for Mem-
bership shall be proposed, through the
Master, at a Members' Quarterly Meeting.
The ballot shall first be taken upon the
question "Shall he be proposed?" If one
negative appears in the ballot, no record
shall be made thereof. Should the ballot
be clear, the proposition shall be referred
to a Committee, who shall report thereon
at the next Quarterly Meeting, when the
final ballot shall be taken. Should one
negative then appear, he shall be recorded
as rejected. If admitted, he shall sign the

By-Laws and pay the usual Fee, before he can exercise the privileges of a member. No candidate for membership shall be finally balloted for unless his name shall have been borne upon the notifications for the meeting, at which such ballot shall be taken.

SECTION TWO. Any member, who shall neglect to settle his account with the Secretary for three months after the same shall become due, shall be notified by the Secretary of his delinquency. And if he shall continue the same neglect for three months after such notification, and shall fail to settle the same upon demand thereafter made, he shall forfeit his membership in this Lodge, by vote of a majority of the members present, at the next Quarterly Meeting.

Forfeiture
of Mem-
bership.

Expulsion
from
Member-
ship.

SECTION THREE. Should any member so far derogate from the principles of his profession, as to reveal the private transactions of this Lodge to any person not a member thereof; or become so contentious as to disturb the peace and harmony therein; or be guilty of any atrocious vice; he may be expelled, at any regular Members' Quarterly Meeting, by a majority of the members present, he having been previously notified of such contemplated action.

Proviso to
Sec. 1,
Art. 7.

SECTION FOUR. The first clause of the first section of this article shall be of binding force only from and after the Members' Quarterly Meeting in February, A. L., 5857.

ARTICLE VIII.

Candidates for Initiation.

SECTION ONE. Every candidate for initiation must be proposed at a stated meeting of the Lodge by a member thereof, and stand proposed one lunar month before being ballotted for. He shall make application therefor in writing; be vouched for by some member in good standing, and shall deposit with the Secretary, the sum of thirty dollars. If rejected, such deposit shall be returned; but, if accepted, and he neglect to present himself for initiation within twelve months after such acceptance, the deposit shall be forfeited to the use of the Lodge.

SECTION TWO. The names of all candidates for initiation, together with their occupation and residence, shall be borne on the notifications for the meetings at

Applica-
tion, how
to be
made.

Ballot,
when and
how taken.

which the ballots shall be taken. One negative shall reject, but, if there shall appear but one negative, a second and third ballot may be taken, but no more. Every member, through whom a candidate makes application, shall distinctly inform him of the provisions of this article.

Progress
of initiate.

SECTION THREE. No candidate shall be passed to a higher degree until he shall have borne a satisfactory examination for admission to a Lodge of the preceding degree.

ARTICLE IX.

Honorary Members.

Winflow
Lewis.

SECTION ONE. Our M. W. Brother, Winflow Lewis, M. D., is hereby declared to be an Honorary Member of this Lodge, with all the rights and privileges usually appertaining to such membership.

SECTION Two. Any Master Mason who shall be recommended, for distinguished service to this Lodge, or to the Fraternity generally, may be elected an Honorary Member of this Lodge, in the same manner provided for election to ordinary membership; and he shall exercise all the rights and privileges usually appertaining to such Honorary Membership. No member of this Lodge, however, shall, by such election, lose any of the rights and privileges he might have otherwise enjoyed.

Honorary
Members,
how made.

ARTICLE X.

Fees.

Fees.

For the three Degrees, Thirty Dollars.

For Crafting and Raifing, when Initiated
elsewhere, Twenty-five Dollars.

For Raifing, when Initiated and Crafted
elsewhere, Twenty Dollars.

For Membership, for those made in this
Lodge, Fifty Dollars.

For Membership, for those not made
in this Lodge, Seventy-five Dollars.

Quarterages, at the rate of Five Dollars
per annum, One Dollar and Twenty-five
Cents.

Secretary's Fee for each meeting, Four
Dollars.

Tyler's Fee for each meeting, Three
Dollars.

Organist's Fee for each meeting he
attends, Two Dollars.

Exempts
from
Quarter-
ages.

The Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary
shall be exempted from the payment of
Quarterages.

ARTICLE XI.

Regalia.

SECTION ONE. The Regalia of this Lodge shall be:

FOR OFFICERS.

White Silk or Satin Aprons, bound with blue; White Silk or Satin Collars, bound with blue, and White Kid Gloves.

FOR MEMBERS.

White Silk or Satin Aprons, bound with blue, and White Linen Gloves.

FOR VISITORS.

Plain White Linen Aprons.

SECTION TWO. As a badge of membership, the members shall also wear a members' Jewel, to be hereafter adopted by the Lodge.

Regalia.

Clothing
of
Officers.

Of
Members.

Of
Visitors.

Members'
Badge.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments to By-Laws.

Amend-
ments,
how to be
made.

SECTION ONE. These By-Laws shall not be amended, unless the proposed amendment be first stated at a regular meeting, and a notice thereof borne on the notifications for the succeeding Quarterly meeting, and then adopted by a majority of all members present.

By-Laws,
when to
be read.

SECTION TWO. These By-Laws shall be read, in open Lodge, at each Members' Quarterly Meeting, and a copy of them shall be furnished to each candidate for membership.

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O F
W I N S L O W L E W I S L O D G E ,
A N D
L I S T O F M E M B E R S .



ORIGIN OF THE LODGE.

WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE owes its existence to the necessities of the Fraternity of which it is a member.

With the exception of the Germania Lodge, working in a foreign language, no Lodge had been instituted in Boston, city proper, for half a century.

The popularity of the institution at this time crowded its doors with eager applicants. Of these, enough were admitted to compel the existing lodges to devote all their time and energies to the mere ceremonies of initiation, to the entire exclusion of Masonic lectures from their just and true place in the lodge.

The social element was, by the amount of business, driven from the lodge room ; and members passed their time more after the fashion of visitors at theatres, than in the social communion of brethren of one happy family, as they ought to do.

At the urgent request of many brethren, and in accordance with the strongly expressed wish of the Grand Master, sixteen active members of St. John's Lodge,—the oldest lodge on this continent,—after being joined by others, with feelings of reluctance at parting from their Masonic mother, obtained a dispensation, by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1855.

It should be remarked, however, that those who were officers and members of St. John's Lodge, continued to serve their honored parent during the entire year of the dispensation; whereby she was saved any inconvenience from their departure.

After a year of great prosperity under the dispensation, a charter was, by entire unanimity, granted by the Grand Lodge, Dec. 10th, 1856, and the lodge was regularly consecrated on the 26th of the same month, by the M. W. Winslow Lewis, Grand Master, assisted by the R. W. John T. Heard, Acting Deputy Grand Master, and other eminent Masons. The occasion was one of the greatest impressiveness, owing to the relations between the lodge and the Grand

Master, who announced these ceremonies to be his last official act.

The name of the lodge was selected, because of the strong personal friendship existing between the members of the new lodge and the Grand Master, added to a high appreciation of his untiring and invaluable labors for the good of the institution, and of his great worth as a good man and a true Mason.

The constitutional consent was given by St. Andrew's Lodge, together with the use of their regalia, until the new lodge supplied themselves; which act of brotherly love was fully appreciated by Winflow Lewis Lodge, who presented a gavel to St. Andrew's Lodge, as an emblem of their desire that the two lodges should be strongly welded together.

The success of the lodge, in the amount of work, and in its financial prosperity, has more than equalled the anticipations of its founders; and their anticipations in other respects have been, to a great extent, realized.

In reviving the ancient, but long forgotten practice, of requiring *real* proficiency, before advancement from one degree to another, they

have been as successful as they could be, in the absence of any positive requirement from the Grand Lodge.

By limiting its number, and requiring a larger fee for membership than usual, it is hoped that the social element, for which, in a great measure, the lodge was founded, may be secured, and by means of the "Members' Fund," to establish a permanent charity.

The Master's elegant Jewel, made in London, and presented by the Grand Master, and the other Jewels made to correspond with it in style and finish, and all presented by members of the lodge, are, together with the working tools and regalia, of a character of which the lodge may be justly proud.

This is but a slight sketch of a history occupying many pages on the records, of great interest to the members, and full of pleasing incidents, which are now so green in their memories that it is deemed unnecessary, at present, to publish them.

DR. LEWIS' ADDRESS

AT THE CONSECRATION OF

“WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE,”

BOSTON, DEC. 26, 1856.

AMID the varied embarrassments of a varied life, of the many positions in which circumstances have placed me, where there was a demand for readiness of action or of speech,—and there have been many, when, by a species of “floundering,” I have escaped, surprised at the survival,—none has so palled my serenity, or so overcome my self-possession, as the present one. I have addressed Lodges abroad in bad French,—have ventured, in worse Italian, a speech to the Grand Duke of Tuscany, and even succeeded tolerably with his Holiness Pius IX. But these all were such as befall the many who visit such “lions,” or witness the “elephant” here and there. This has a more difficult aspect, producing, W. Master, that unpleasant peculiar action, well known to those illy gifted in speech (not, fir, that you have so suffered,) where “vox hæsit faucibus.”

To you, Worshipful Master, I address myself, as both my Masonic and Professional Brother—as one deservedly

high in both relations, with a heart for others' woes, and a skill to minister to the mind diseased. And it would seem that Masonry and medicine are not deemed incompatible by our Brethren—that there was almost some alliance or connection between them. It certainly cannot be, that there is any disease in the Order; and, therefore, these are selected to that duty which they are supposed best to understand—the administering to morbid bodies! Surely not! But the fact is determinate and prominent. Six of the Grand Masters of our venerable Grand Lodge were Physicians. One fell, liberty's first martyr, on Bunker's Heights,—three were Presidents of the Massachusetts Medical Society,—one is now an eminent Professor of Surgery in the great school of Louisville, Ky., and the last, is one not likely to *fall* for any service he may render his country, nor has he any aspirations in that direction! Neither has he been, or ever will be, President of our State Medical Society. The only compliment to be paid him is, that he presided over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts two years, and no harm befell it! Both the Encampments of this city are excellently managed by M. D.'s, both adepts in wielding the lance for health as for chivalry,—and all our Lodges are teeming with the sons of Esculapius.

But the power, the extended peculiarity of the connection, has been demonstrated this evening in the consecration of your new organization. It is chartered under the name of an humble Medical individual, known only as an active Mason, and as one who cuts society with tolerable success! By his official position, you have been inducted to the privileges of fellowship with the Lodges.

Two of your first officers are of the Medical Corps, and among you are included the professional Heads of the House of Correction, the Lunatic Asylum, and of the Quarantine, Deer Island, and United States Marine Hospital. What an array to meet any emergency which may befall a *Body*! And for those even who may require safe keeping, you have the Master of the Jail! I trust, that this last Brother may find his office a sinecure as regards you all, and that you may never need his official hospitality or shelter! With these and others, true and trusty, you now commence your career as a duly and regularly constituted Lodge; and now is the period for laying the basis on which your superstructure is to rest, to regulate a platform of the requirements you demand from all who are to form your future associates, of those who are to be admitted to your Masonic hearth. "The Spiritualists," to ensure the success of their operations, form a circle, and the efficiency of the manifestations they deem dependent on the "mediums" being contemporaneous in their sentiments and feelings. One, not sufficiently imbued, breaks the harmony, and the efforts of the rest are null, ineffective. So compose *your Masonic* circle, that the electric chain may be unbroken, that the kindly spark may be transmitted through *all*, without discord of action or feeling—that the same thrill of affection shall vibrate through every heart, producing that glorious manifestation, a Brotherhood dwelling together in peace and unity. You may not produce "rappings," but every heart will beat more vigorously with pleasure's increased pulsation. You may not receive "communications" from the spirit land,

but be assured, all good angels hover over those, who seek the well-being of their fellows — the promotion of diffused happiness.

How important is the act by which another is added to our Order, — by which the “Mr.” is baptized into “Br.,” and alas! how much to be deplored when one is rejected from the privileges to which he may justly be entitled! Consider well what you do with your great power,—with your **BLACK BALL**,—which may wound not only the sensibilities but the reputation of a good man. Think before you act.

In the Lodges in France, and in the French Lodges in this country, whenever a ballot is taken for the solemn purpose of admitting or rejecting, the box is placed on the altar, resting on the Holy Bible, square and compasses. The brethren advance singly, for a moment pause, take the ballot, and making the sign of the degree, slowly deposit it. The effect of this is both impressive and good. It reminds them, that what they are about to do, is an act requiring calm consideration,—an act which involves deep responsibilities. Thus standing alone, in the centre of the Lodge, before the Altar of God, with God’s Word there placed, with emblems also to remind him of his high duties, will the brother not shrink from the exercise of the malevolent passions, and let conscientiousness alone be his sole monitor? I commend this practice to your consideration. It will take a little more time, but its loss will be your gain:

My Brethren!—This is the last time that I shall be privileged to address a Lodge as Grand Master, and the last subject, but the first in importance, is the selection of your

affociates. I charge you, look well to, and ponder most seriously on, the effect of every ballot cast for admission. How much evil one black sheep may produce upon a whole flock ! how " one bad voice will put twenty good ones out of tune ! " Most seriously do I emphasize on the importance of the severest scrutiny into *all* the qualifications and peculiarities of those who are to be admitted into the " Household of your Faith."

There are men, who, in the transactions of life, in their vocation, their business, are fair, just and honorable ; humane and generous at times ; but who are endowed with a morbid excitability, a morbid jealousy, imputing wrong to all who may differ from them, and suspecting evil when none was practised or intended. Touch them, however gently, and they explode, making confusion and strife, stirring up the angry passions, painful recriminations and discord ; ever carping at the motives and actions of those whose judgments differ from their own ; scanning with the most acrid severity, and eagerly watching for an expression, aye, even for a look, on which they may eject their venom. Such, gifted with the power of " talk," (and generally such are loud and constant declaimers,) " vox et præterea nihil," will too oft infuse their poison into the minds of the younger, collect around them a coterie, call this, perhaps, " young America," and all others " old fogies." For them, age, experience, long tried fidelity, are not the respected essentials. They would plough up the old soil without improving it, disturb the features of its ancient fields, without any addition to their beauties, e'en though they shroud themselves, and all with them, in the dust and smoke of their innovations. Keep

such out of your fraternal sanctuary ; but if, unluckily, you receive them, keep them *down*, if you wish to keep yourselves *up*. Scan well and probe deeply into the *motives* of those who would pass your threshold. Look to it, that they are not influenced by expectations of mere personal interest or selfish advance. To Freemasonry they are useless. In them, you receive no accession. Both parties are aggrieved and disappointed. They find not what they sought, nor you what you hoped for. They throw no incense on the altar of the heart. They add no fuel to keep alive the sacred flame of Brotherly Love and Relief.

They are called to give, when they looked to receive. The real fund of Brotherhood and Friendship, of which they are made stockholders, to such is of no account. To them, "it don't pay," and the only satisfaction that will accrue to you is, that they will not trouble you long with their attendance ; but to you, the regret will attach, that, through you, drones have been added to a good hive, bringing no sweets, producing no addition, but a miserable numerical one. Secure to yourselves those who give the promise of becoming useful as members of your Lodge, those who are capable of appreciating, and will devote their minds to its ritual, qualify and instruct themselves to fill the important stations as officers and leaders in the cause. Failing to secure such, how large may be your numbers, but how weak your organization !—how ineffective, how lifeless, how totally unimpressive your ceremonials ! and consequently how feeble the impress on your initiates ! I have seen the most solemn degree of Masonry *gone through with*, (that is the proper phrase,) and its impress on the recipient fall cold and power-

less. The sublime monitions came as it were from a machine, an automaton. "Words that should burn," were uttered by icy lips, from a frozen soul—from a stolid mind. That same degree has been given, where the candidate has evinced, by his emotions, his tears, that his heart was reached to its very centre, was penetrated to its keenest and best susceptibilities—and why? Because it was properly administered, by one who understood and felt, and could communicate, with the strong force of action and delivery. This was the touch of "Ithuriel," quickening into life,—the other, the deadening weight of a stupid Bæotian. The one, the inanimate statue, the other, the vital, breathing, warm original. Select for your officers, those whose position in society is prominent, well known and esteemed,—not for their worldly wealth, but for the eminence of their characters, for honesty, benevolence, moral worth and intelligence. The world looks to our officers as our "Representative Men," as the exponents of our principles and actions. Show to it, that your jewels are also those who are prized as citizens, as honored members of the general community. Besides character and position in life, knowledge of the work and lectures, there are other requirements,—courtesy, mildness, judgment, grace, should be sought for in your choice. Place no dictator at your head—no "lex et ego" autocrat. The car of Masonry needs no such drivers, and 't is a truism, "from where there is no judgment, that the heaviest judgment comes."

My brethren, receive these suggestions from one deeply interested in your welfare and success, crude and disjointed

as they are, unpolished and unadorned,—though they may lack mind, the heart is not wanting.

And now, how can I thank you for the great compliment, aye, for the greatest honor of my life? In “storied urn or animated bust,” posthumous rewards and praises are given to the departed. But, here, while among you, with the chance whether my humble reputation may be sustained or lost, you have founded an institution, and attached to it my name. Be assured, it will be the strongest incentive to preserve the little I possess of what is good, and if that little should be less, you may still preserve your name without a blush, by using still the same, which, throughout a long, useful life, in the performance of life’s highest duties, was attached to an old Mason, my honored Father. My grateful thanks to you all, and though the unpretending name on your banner will not excite your emulation in a cause whose course is onward and upward, may it remind you of one who did his best of what God had favored him, in advancing that Order, whose end is “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

To those who have just commenced their Masonic career, permit me, who have reaped so much of the harvest of my life’s happiness from its fertile fields, enjoyed so profusely of its blessings through so long a period, now, as my official duties are almost closed, to declare with gratitude, that to this connexion I am indebted for the best friends, the best social blessings that can accrue to one, without the pale of his own family hearth. So may you all thus find the result with you in your new fraternal relation. May the light

now kindled on your altar, shed on your paths the most
genial and cheering radiance.

“Almighty Jehovah!
Descend now and fill
This Lodge with thy glory,
Your hearts with good will!
Preside at your meetings,
Assist you to find
True pleasure in teaching
Good will to mankind.”

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Tyler,	-	-	Eben F. Gay.
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J. S.	-	Sereno D. Nickerfon.
Organist,	-	Charles F. Wood.
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BENJAMIN DEAN, 1857—58.

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WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.
JOHN FLINT, M. D.
CHARLES W. MOORE.
CHARLES ROBBINS.

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Clement A. Walker, M. D., Original Member.

Charles Robbins, . . . do.

Duncan McB. Thaxter, M. D., do.

Benjamin Dean, . . . do.

Rev. John T. Burrill, . do.

Lyman Tucker, . . . do.

Hubbard W. Swett, . do.

Eben F. Gay, . . . do.

Moses Kimball, . . . do.

Jonathan H. Cheney, . do.

Charles W. Walker, . do.

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William K. Bacall, . do.

John A. Warren, . . . do.

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John M. Moriarty, M. D., do.

Joshua R. Lothrop, M. D., do.

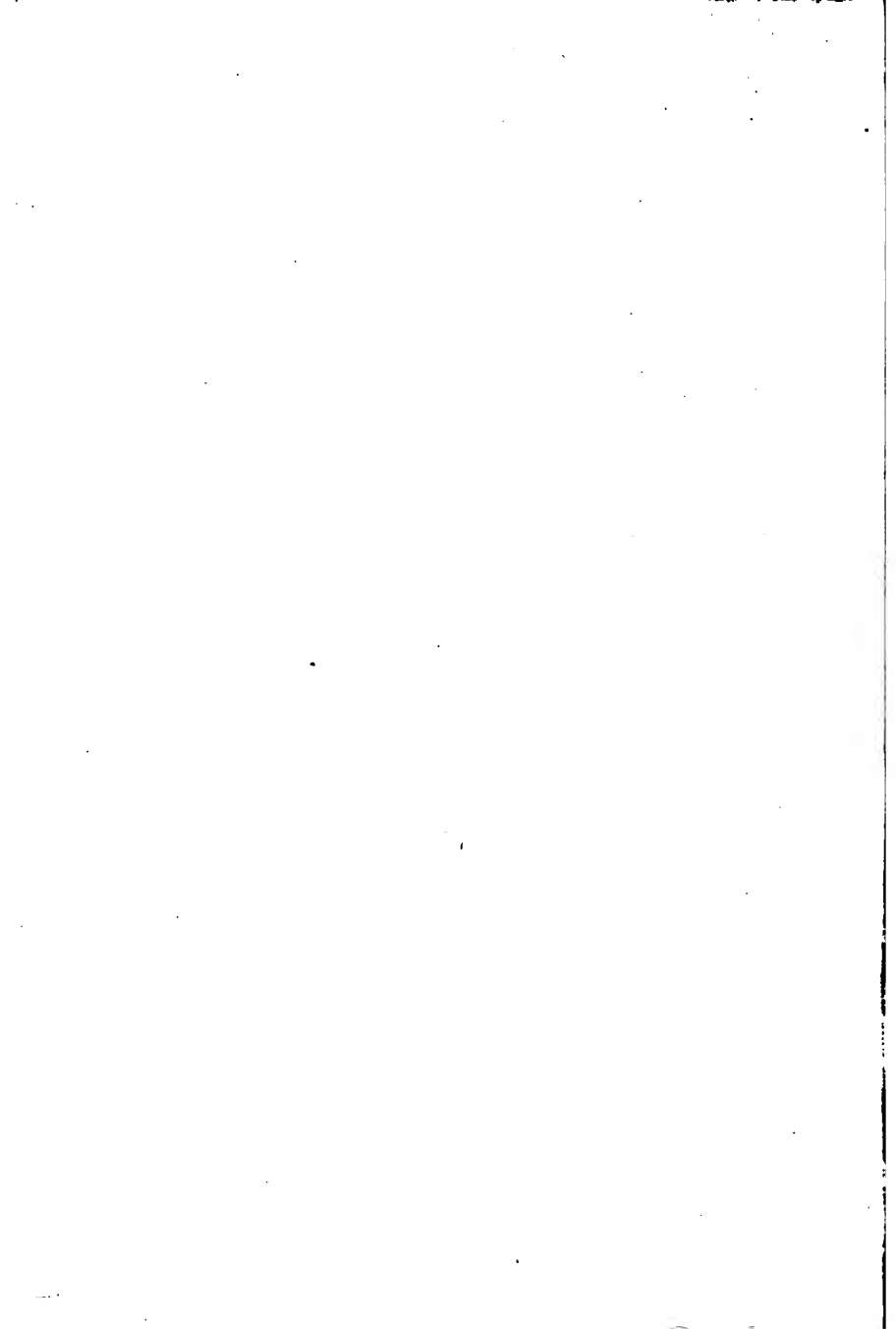
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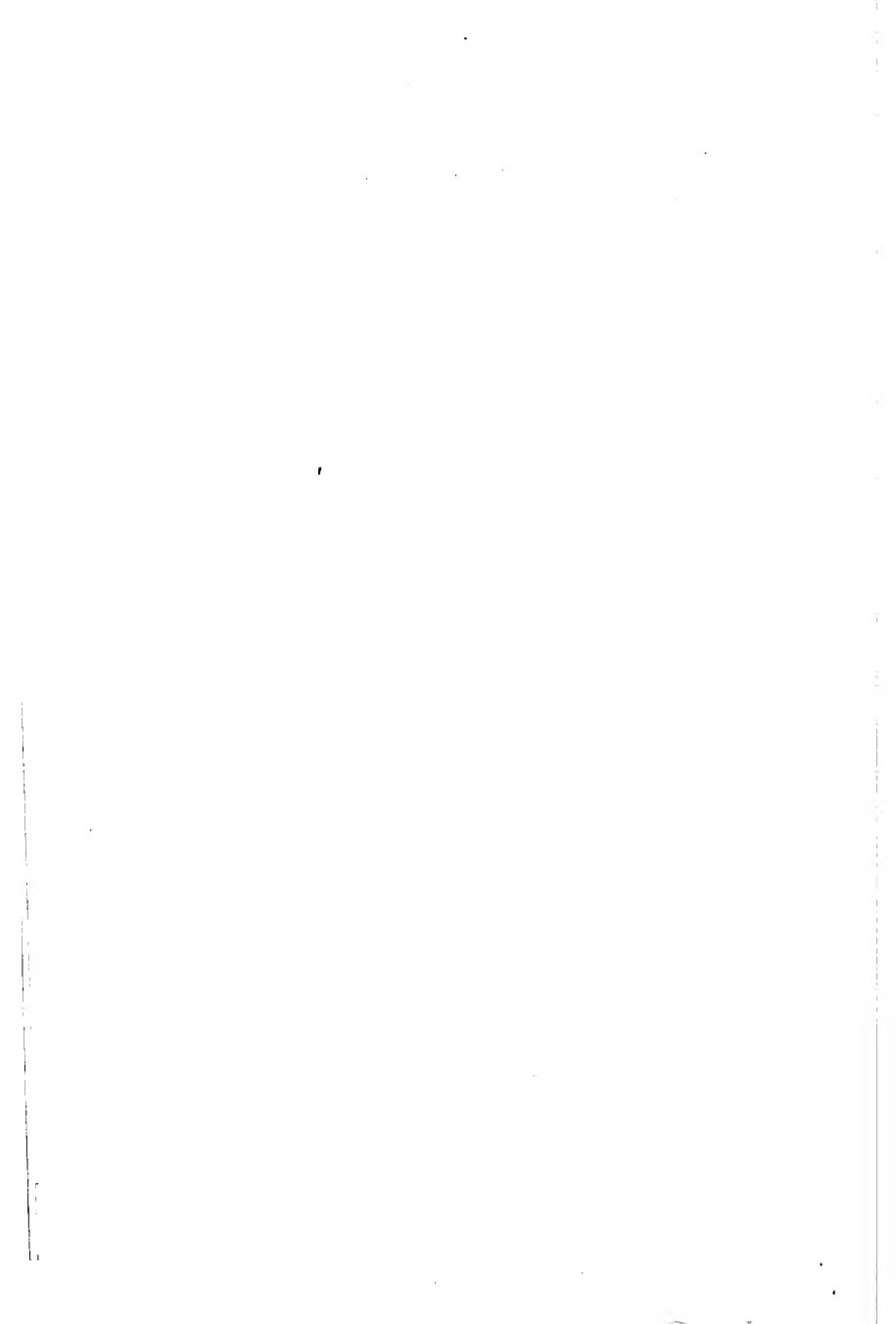
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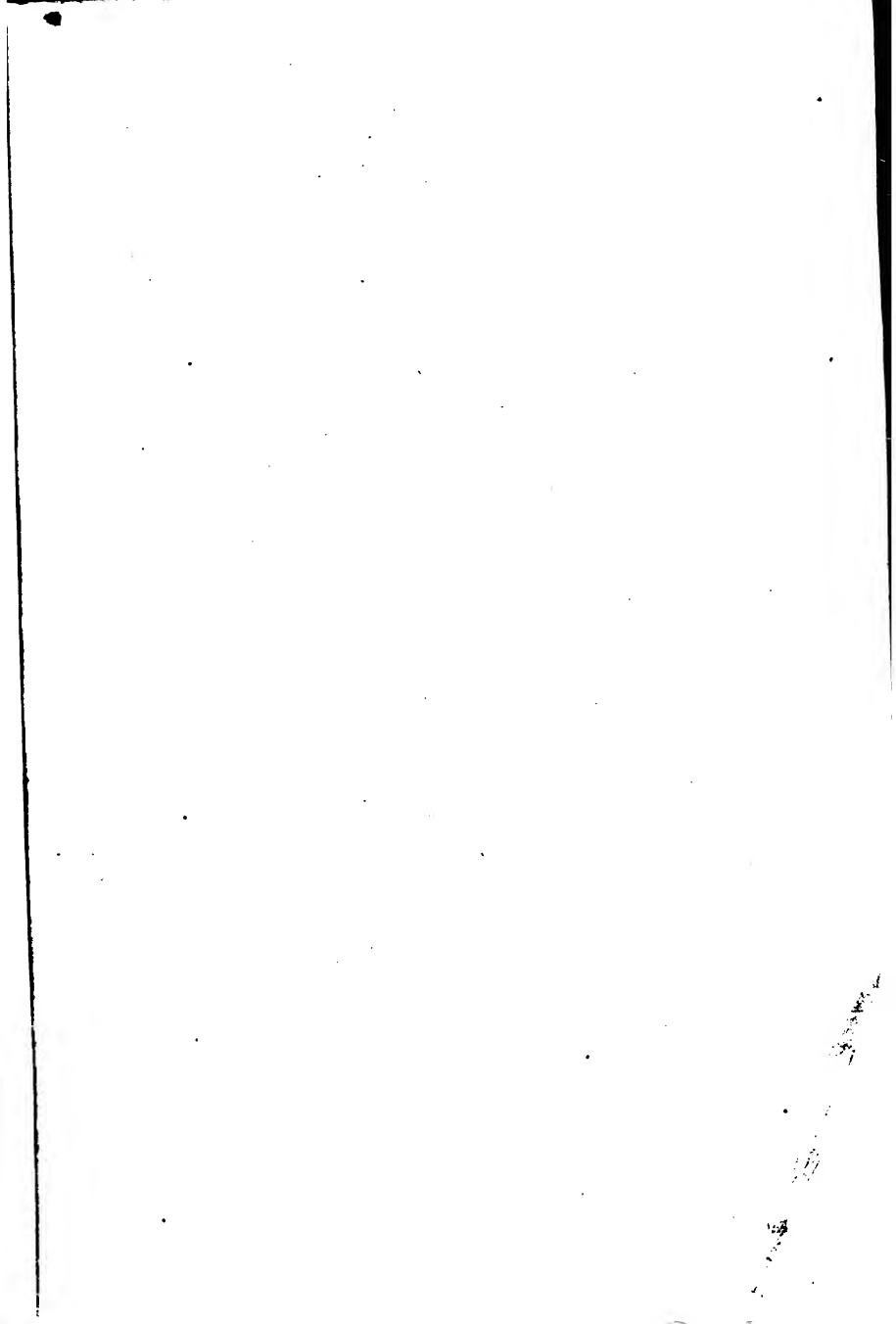
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Joseph Andrews, . . .	13 March, 1857.
Edward G. Nickerson, . .	do.
Thomas Sprague, . . .	do.
John Jordan, . . .	do.
Andrew G. Smith, . . .	do.
Horace Barnes, . . .	do.
Sereno D. Nickerson, . .	do.
Gustavus Jackson, . . .	do.
Hall J. How, . . .	22 May, 1857.
Charles F. Wood, . . .	13 November, 1857.
Warren Mallard, . . .	do.
Edward D. Thayer, . . .	17 February, 1858.
John F. Mills, . . .	26 March, 1858.
Edwin C. Bailey, . . .	28 May, 1858.
Samuel Hatch, . . .	do.
Charles T. Woodman, . .	do.
Gideon Currier, . . .	do.
Seth E. Brown, . . .	4 June, 1858.
George R. Spinney, . . .	do.
Richard A. Newell, . . .	2 July, 1858.
Theodore H. Dugan, . .	18 August, 1858.
Eraustus W. Sanborn, . .	8 September, 1858.











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